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Downtown Seattle Association

October 23, 2009

Ms. Anne Fritzel
Growth Management Services
WA State Department of Commerce
Olympia, Washington

Dear Ms. Fritzel,

This letter is to express the Downtown Seattle Association's (DSA) strong support of the City of Seattle's application for EETP grant funding for a program entitled *Seattle Center City Bicycle Facilities Assessment and Planning Program*.

Increasing the number of bicycle commuters to downtown is vital to our goal of reducing drive-alone commuter trips into downtown thereby improving access to downtown, accommodating job creation, and reducing GHG and VMT.

The City's intended assessment of private-sector bicycle facilities provides an opportunity to optimize existing infrastructure and leverage future private-sector investments where current facilities are discovered to be inadequate.

The DSA is committed to providing private-sector leadership and contacts that will improve access to private property and the collection of data necessary for an accurate assessment.

The DSA values the proposed project and urge you to fund the program.

Sincerely,

Kate Joncas

